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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761-0001

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to show my steadfast support of Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH), a not-for-profit organization with three hospitals – Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Herrin Hospital, and St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro.

I have visited the organization on numerous occasions and spent time with SIH officials discussing the many challenges facing the healthcare industry in Illinois and throughout the country. I have seen the vital services SIH provides to the citizens of southern Illinois and its commitment to providing care to low income, uninsured, and vulnerable populations. SIH believes it has a responsibility to meet the needs of patients regardless of their ability to pay.

I commend Southern Illinois Healthcare's dedication to the health and well being of all of the people in the communities it serves and wish them continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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